

## 6. PROCESS FOR CORRIDOR DEFINITION RECOMMENDATIONS

This working paper documents the results of an assessment of corridor needs and feasibility in the study area. The Corridor Concept, which includes the North-South Corridor Definition, will be presented at public meetings to receive input from the public, stakeholders, and elected officials. Input received from public meetings will be combined by ADOT staff with the results documented in this working paper to develop corridor definition recommendations for consideration by the State Transportation Board.

Following decisions by the Board on recommended corridor definitions, corridor development should consider the following:

- § As the corridor development process advances to the definition of roadway alignments, design concepts, and environmental studies, coordinate with ongoing and future transportation planning efforts such as Small-Area Transportation Studies, the ADOT Regional Transportation Profiles, and other local jurisdiction planning efforts. These studies will recommend improvements to the local arterial network and to the state highway system in context with decisions made by the Board. The widening and preservation of access on the existing state highway system are important considerations in future corridor development activities.
- § Preserve right-of-way for future corridors. Local jurisdictions should coordinate with ADOT and Arizona State Land Department to identify and preserve right-of-way for future corridor alignments.
- § Continue development of the arterial network by local jurisdictions. Small-Area Transportation Studies are underway and more will follow which will develop local transportation plans that will include new and improved arterials. The local arterial system must be expanded to provide access to and from the new corridors. New corridors cannot function without arterial development.
- § Continue to assess the potential for high-capacity transit. Local jurisdiction's planning efforts including the upcoming Small Area Transportation studies to be conducted by Queen Creek, Pinal County, Coolidge, and Florence should address high-capacity transit alternatives.